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FRANKFORT, KY – At its meeting on September 15, 2020 the Executive Branch Ethics Commission decided to award the 2020 Annual Outstanding Ethics Officer Award to Timothy C. Feld, of Kentucky Employers' Mutual Insurance (KEMI). The Ethics Commission established this annual award program in 2015 to recognize an individual serving as a designated Ethics Officer for an executive branch agency for his or her outstanding achievement and contributions in promoting the ethical conduct of executive branch employees. The Ethics Commission will issue this award to Mr. Feld at its next meeting on November 16, 2020.

Mr. Feld was selected to receive this award for his efforts to enforce the Executive Branch Code of Ethics while serving as an Ethics Officer for KEMI and implement policies and procedures for the effective enforcement of the Ethics Code. Mr. Feld serves as Vice President and General Counsel for KEMI. Mr. Feld has served as an Ethics Officer since January 2019. KEMI is a quasi-state agency; however, its members must follow the Executive Branch Code of Ethics pursuant to KRS 342.837. Since Mr. Feld became an Ethics Officer, he has demonstrated a remarkable concern for ensuring that his agency, its board members, and its employees not only follow the Ethics Code, but operate beyond the dictates of the Code. He has demonstrated a personal concern for the integrity of his agency that exceeds his contemporaries. He is a vigorous seeker of advice from the Commission staff, often on a weekly to monthly basis. He has diligently assisted the Commission staff with gathering information and researching issues necessary to the enforcement of the Ethics Code.

Mr. Feld became Vice-President/General Counsel of KEMI in July 2018 after serving as Legal Director since 2016. He oversees several departments including compliance, procurement, data reporting, and serves as the company's ethics officer. He works closely with KEMI's board of directors, the Department of Workers' Claims, and was appointed to the board for the Kentucky Workers' Compensation Funding Commission.

Prior to joining KEMI, Mr. Feld was a founding partner of the law firm, Feld and Hassman, where he focused on civil and workers' compensation defense. He is a member of Leadership Kentucky's Class of 2017 and is on the board of directors for Shepherd's House. Mr. Feld is a graduate of the University of Kentucky College of Law, Loyola University Chicago, and the University of Iowa. Mr. Feld lives with his wife and two children in Lexington, Kentucky.